



CITY OF BEND

Minutes

Bend Economic Development Advisory Board (BEDAB)

Monday, December 3, 2018

Staff Liaison: Ben Hemson

12:04 pm BEDAB Meeting

Roll Call: Stephanie Senner-Chair, Keith Dodge-Vice Chair, Brenda Speirs, Jamie Klopp, Kevin Cole, Lisa Goodman, Travis Davis, Stephanie Senner, and Wendy McGrane

Kevney Dugan, Kip Barrett - ex officio

Introductions of committee members.

1. Public Input

none

2. Approve October 1 Meeting Minutes

Approved

3. Advocacy Subcommittee & Upcoming Council Decisions | Keith Dodge & Ben Hemson

Septic to Sewer – does BEDAB want to weigh in? Urge Council to pay attention to fees and people connecting earlier rather than later. Worried about future costs. Ben sent out message to business registration holders. Not much feedback from businesses. Larger businesses were not too concerned about associated rate hikes at the proposed \$2.5 million annual funding level.

Childcare transportation SDCs – proposal to reduce by 70%. Will sunset after 2 years. BEDAB supports. Send letter to Council. Emergency resolution – must be unanimous and goes into effect at second reading. **Stephanie Senner made motion, Wendy McGrane seconded. All in favor.** Kevin Cole will draft letter.

Plastic bag ban – bans plastic bags from stores with an associated fee of no less than 10 cents per bag for paper or thicker plastic bags (fee goes to store). To Council on December 5th. Does not apply to restaurants. Monitor.

Duplexes/triplexes in RS Zone – going to Council December 5th. Monitor and revisit: see if builders are taking advantage of the change.

Juniper Ridge update: December 19th resolution to Council that revises original Juniper Ridge Management Advisory Board.

4. Review Strategic Planning Session | Group

Goal today. Identify initiatives and come up with some metrics. Finished draft will be reviewed by BEDAB in January.

- Increase business satisfaction for those doing business in Bend.

Ben asked if interest in scoping issue out. Reduce lead times. LEAP still coming. Look at express lanes, contract work. Expedited permitting process. What is CDD already looking at? Flexibility. Addressing permit turnaround times. Less friction, faster, less troublesome.

Is it a long term or short term problem? Keep flexible. Suggestion made to charge more for premium/expedited and use money to hire more staff.

Frictionless permitting, permit timelines, customer satisfaction. 2 way Communications (surveying, sending info back out to all businesses about efforts, affirmation that heard), technology improvement (working with new Chief Innovation Officer being hired at City).

Motion 1: Increase business satisfaction for those doing business in Bend. Look at frictionless permitting, improve 2-way communications, monitor and pursue technology improvements.

Wendy McGrane motioned; Kevin Cole seconded; All in favor.

- Develop and support a talented workforce.

Both grow and develop. Supports ongoing efforts of others. Development stronger relationship with partners. Find way to support housing and childcare.

Get someone from ECWIB on board or at least meetings. Treat as ex-officio.

Increase availability and affordability of childcare, transportation, housing. Connect businesses to workforce training and development opportunities.

Motion 2: Grow and Develop and support a talented workforce. Increase availability and affordability of childcare, transportation and housing. Connect businesses to workforce training and development opportunities.

Kevin Cole made motion; Wendy McGrane seconded; All in favor.

- Ensure an adequate supply of land for employment and residential uses.

Develop a buildable lands inventory and update it. Brings visibility. Can drive policy. Required by state law. Set up correct way so is automatically updated. Other cities provide this already.

Aggregate monthly survey of developers/builders. Not only sentiment but data. What level of detail would they be comfortable with?

Motion 3: Ensure an adequate supply of land for employment and residential uses.

Monitor and pursue infrastructure investments.

Promote data driven decisions (based on buildable land inventory,

**business/developer surveys, and what are other cities doing).
Ensure implementation of BEDAB's Juniper Ridge Working Group plan.**

Jamie Klopp motioned; Keith Dodge seconded; All in favor.

5. Adjourned at 1:55 pm.